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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PROCESS FOR THE CATALYTIC SELECTIVE OXIDATION OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on _____ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we, Carolus Matthias Anna Maria Mesters and Ronald Jan Schoonebeek, have invented a certain improvement in PROCESS FOR THE CATALYTIC SELECTIVE OXIDATION OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS.

WHEREAS we have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States in connection with this invention.

WHEREAS, SHELL OIL COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, is desirous of acquiring all rights to this invention in the United States:

NOW THEREFORE for valuable consideration received, we hereby assign to SHELL OIL COMPANY, its successors and assigns, all rights to this invention in the United States of America, including all rights in the above-mentioned application and any patent which may be issued thereon in the United States and any other application which may be filed or patent which may be issued in the United States.

AND we hereby agree that we will upon request execute any instrument which SHELL OIL COMPANY desires to carry this assignment into effect and perfect the title transferred hereby to prosecute the above-mentioned application.

AND the Commissioner of Patents of the United States is hereby authorized to issue Letters Patent of said application to the Assignee.

CAROLUS MATTHIAS ANNA MARIA MESTERS (Witness)

Date (Witness)

RONALD JAN SCHOONEBEEK (Witness)

Date (Witness)